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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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U.S. Treasury Department Continues Sword Foundation Nonprofit Recognition

By Evangelist Walt Handford, Vice-President
Sword of the Lord Foundation

We knew that our friends across the land would want to rejoice with us regarding the outcome of a recent examination of the nonprofit status of the Sword of the Lord Foundation by the United States Treasury Department. The United States Treasury Department has continued the recognition of the Sword Foundation as a bona fide nonprofit corporation for the purpose of getting out the Gospel.

For many years Dr. Rice operated The Sword of the Lord as an unincorporated business for the sole purpose of getting out the Gospel around the world. He poured literally thousands of dollars into the publication of THE SWORD OF THE LORD and the distribution of books published by him. Soon other workers came to help in the job of getting out the Gospel and the work grew and expanded. Annually thousands of dollars in free literature were given away and many, many souls were saved.

In 1947 it seemed wise to form a nonprofit corporation to guarantee the continuation of this soul-winning work and to enjoy some of the privileges rightly belonging to a work operated solely for the purpose of getting out the Gospel and not for making money. The corporation was formed and Dr. and Mrs. Rice deeded over thousands of dollars worth of stock, office machines, building and fixtures to this new nonprofit corporation.

In 1949 the Sword of the Lord Foundation was recognized by the federal government as being a bona fide tax-exempt and nonprofit organization for the purpose of getting out the Gospel. In coming to this decision the government recognized that Dr. Rice receives no salary as editor of THE SWORD OF THE LORD nor for his many other duties here at the office in Wheaton, and that he

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Six Bible messages that answer questions on the Christian and sin...

When a Christian SINS

By Dr. John R. Rice

CHAPTER VI

Living a Life of Victory Over Sin

We have discussed the blessed promise that a Christian may confess his sin, judge his sin, and be instantly forgiven and cleansed. But, must a Christian have an up-and-down experience? Thank God, no! A Christian can live on a high plane of victory over sin and have peace with God. He can walk in

the daily light of God's presence and have sweet, constant fellowship with God, led and comforted by the Spirit and used in soul winning.

I. Every Christian May Live Victoriously Every Day

A Negro spiritual plaintively expresses the experience of too many Christians:

I'm sometimes up and I'm sometimes down,
Comin' for to carry me home.

A song I remember from my childhood says:

Once I thought I walked with Jesus,
Yet such strange feelings had,
Sometimes trusting, sometimes doubting,
Sometimes joyful, sometimes sad.

But He drew me closer to Him.
Bade my doubting, fearing cease,
And when I had fully yielded,
Filled my soul with perfect peace!

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Dr. John R. Rice

One of the Second Prize Winners in the Second Annual \$1,600 "Sermons on Vital Public Issues" Contest

Three Besetting Sins of the Christian

by Evangelist Eddie Martin

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"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith."—Col. 2:6, 7.

"Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another."—Gal. 5:26.

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."—Ps. 126:6.

Too many of us Christian leaders do not live in agreement with our doctrinal convictions and with our preaching. Too many of us as Christian students and laymen do not live in agreement with our doctrinal beliefs. Too many of us leave undone those things that are Christian essentials. Too many of us do things that we should not be doing as Christians.

Now, I am not talking about drunkenness. I know you don't drink. I am not talking about

playing cards in your home. I know you have thrown out your cards and burned them. I'm not talking about immorality. I know I don't have that kind of crowd here tonight. But I know this, that many of us are guilty of what I would call *respectable sins*.

The first thing that many of us are guilty of is

The Sin of Inconsistency

If there is anything in my life that I have had to judge and confess over and over again, it's the sin of inconsistency. And if there is any text that I feel is appropriate for this audience it is this text of Colossians, that we need to be rooted and built up in Him

and established in the faith, and stop our inconsistent ways.

In Devotion

Our inconsistency reminds me of a story—it's only a fable. A
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Evangelist Eddie Martin

"Don't Discourage . . . Please Work More Harder!"

By Viola Walden, Secretary to Dr. John R. Rice

The above is from a blessed letter written to Dr. Rice by Koji Tajima, of Kurama-shoji, Yamaguchi City, Japan. This young Japanese brother saw an appeal by the editor in *The Sword of the Lord* for friends to write a word of encouragement during our annual Letter Month last May. In response, Koji wrote the following:

"I have just received your and our SWORD, and reading 'Have a Heart' I, at once, wanted to send you an encouragement word. I am only a young Japanese boy who does not know English so much, but, anyway, I write you and encourage you.

"I, lately, was called to preach the Words of God. I am very thankful of it. I know your some books which are translated into Japanese. Those books and SWORD warm my heart to God. You wrote in the news that you got anxious letters from unbelievers, but please don't discourage with those things. Your work is not in vain. I believe that your work is blessed, please work more harder, if you can. God is pleased with what you do, I surely believe. There are many people who need the Word of God just now, just now. Please don't discourage but work for glory of the Lord.

"Dear brother, as I don't have American money, and I know it's difficult to get money order in order to buy books from foreign countries, I can't help you buying things but I encourage by writing with the heart of Christian. O brother, please realize there is a young Japanese boy who was led to Christ somewhere in the world. A Christian, a Baptist.

"I pray for you that God may bless you. When I pray, I remember you. I remember unseen brother.

"Your friend in Christ,
(Signed) Koji Tajima"

This letter, printed above just as the Japanese brother wrote it, was such a blessing to us when we received it that we felt sure it would encourage our readers' hearts as well. Is it not touching that a brother in such a far-off land would be concerned about Dr. Rice's encouragement and would write to beseech him to work harder in getting out the Gospel to all the world? And we want to repeat his admonition and exhortation to those of our friends who have stood by in helping us get out the Gospel through the years: "Please don't discourage . . . please work more harder!"

We have so very much to encourage us in the work of the Lord and to challenge us to "work more harder." Repeatedly we are receiving letters telling of people saved through THE SWORD OF THE LORD, of young men surrendering
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A Letter God Answered

By Evangelist Bill Rice, Associate Editor

One of the most beautiful stories of courage and faith in the midst of desperate circumstances is found in the nineteenth chapter of Second Kings. Wicked, godless Sennacherib had come to destroy the city of Jerusalem. Good King Hezekiah closed the city gates against the invader and refused to yield. He was determined that his people should be saved or he would die with them.

Hearing of Hezekiah's defiance, the evil warrior wrote him a letter saying, "Let not thy God in whom thou trustest deceive thee." He then went on to tell what had happened to others who had defied him.

In effect Sennacherib said, "Who do you think you are to try to save all of these people? You are not strong! You have no allies to back you up! You haven't a chance in the world—why don't you give up!"

King Hezekiah certainly knew he was no match for his enemy. But the enemy had made one bad mistake—he had declared that God was no match for him, either! Hezekiah did not surrender. Instead, he went into the temple with the letter and "spread it before the Lord." He said, "Lord, bow down thine ear, and hear; open, Lord, thine eyes and see; and hear the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent him to reproach the living God."

It seemed that Hezekiah said, "Dear Lord, please read this letter. My enemy says he is plenty tough, and I know he is! He says I am weak, and I know I am. He reminds me that I am just one man trying to save many. I have no great armies. I have no mighty allies. Many others, so much greater than I, have gone down to defeat. But you, O Lord, are mighty. Please help us. Please answer this letter!"

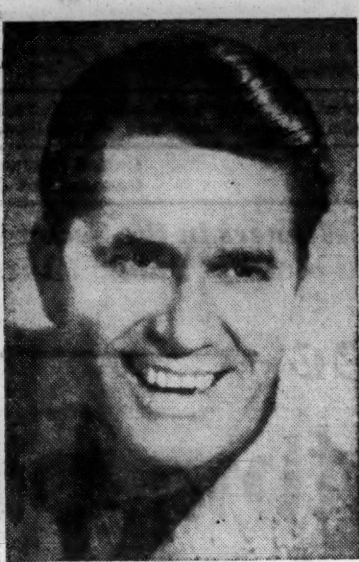
And answer it God did! God killed one hundred eighty-five thousand Assyrians that night! And Sennacherib "departed, and went and returned!"

God answered the letter for Hezekiah and Jerusalem was saved.

Letters to Be Answered

Perhaps I have thought of this wonderful old story so much lately because I, too, have letters that must be answered. A letter from a mother in Austin, Indiana, asking if her daughter can come to the ranch for a week. Three young people in Louisiana want to come. A young woman, embittered because of her deafness, wants to come from Nebraska. A girl from Atlanta, Georgia, wants to know if she can come. A boy from Illinois who has been expelled from the State school. . . a number of letters from deaf young people here in Tennessee.

Letters . . . letters we must spread out before the Lord. To each we say, "Come on. We will



Evangelist Bill Rice

try to see that you have a good time and trust you may find salvation and peace with God while you are here." We have sent about four hundred letters of invitation. We earnestly pray that each one will be accepted and that many deaf youngsters will be saved here this summer.

But while we yearn over these precious children and young people the Devil makes me painfully aware of our needs. As I write this I have \$13.98 in my pocket and we have just \$68.15 in the bank—a total of \$82.13. And the big weeks with the deaf are yet before us! We have a few deaf with us this week—sent in insurance for twenty-six campers today—and a number of deaf folks drove in for last Sunday services. (There were eight deaf adults saved last Sunday night.) But the main weeks for the deaf with the large expenses are yet to come.

And we have on hand less than one day's running expenses.

Helpless But for God

And it seems that Satan often comes to taunt. "Who do you

think you are?" he seems to say. "Do you think you can help so many find salvation when you stand alone? You have no armies of churches behind you. You have no rich men who will give thousands of dollars. There is no strong denomination that will back you up. Christians who read this will have money for ice cream and candy and pop and ball games, but will declare they cannot afford to give a dime to help save a deaf child's soul! Why don't you give up?"

But I cannot give up. I am led of God to do what I can to reach the deaf for Christ. Of course it is hard. If it were easy others would have done it long ago. I believe God will help. I believe He will put it into your heart to send an offering to help.

It is going to take about five thousand dollars to see the camp through the summer. We still have lumber to pay for, gravel to pay for, concrete blocks to pay for, electrical supplies to pay for, salaries of those who have come to help us to pay for, and food to pay for, and bus tickets.

We need your help. I honestly believe this is one of the best places in all the world to invest some money for the Lord Jesus Christ. I do not ask for money for myself.

Pray and Help

Will you help? A receipt will be sent you promptly and you will get regular reports of the work. Since my birthday is August 25, you may count it a birthday gift if you wish, with the clear understanding the money is not for my personal use but for this missionary work sponsored by Cumberland here on the Bill Rice Ranch. I will be forty-three years old. Maybe you can send \$43.00! Or one dollar. Or ten or any amount. The need is urgent.

Please send gifts and all correspondence to me directly at my home address.

Evangelist Bill Rice
Bill Rice Ranch
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

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When a Christian Sins

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Now I'm trusting every moment. Nothing less could be enough. And the Saviour bears me gently. O'er those places once so rough.

Oh what peace the Saviour gives, Peace I never knew before. And my way has brighter grown Since I learned to trust Him more.

It is a blessed truth that a Christian can live in daily content, daily peace, daily victory.

1. Christ Has Purchased Daily, Complete Victory for Everyone Who Trusts Him

Dear child of God, do you know

where you are headed? You are headed for the resurrection and will awake conformed to the image of God's dear Son! (Rom. 8: 29). David knew this and said, "I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness" (Ps. 17:15).

Paul the apostle knew the blessed victory that one can have through the price paid on Calvary and through the help of a risen Saviour. By divine inspiration he said:

"But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."—Phil. 3:7-14.

It is true that this life of victory cost Paul much. All the things that were gain, Paul counted loss for Christ. He gave them up and did not depend upon them. For Jesus Christ, he suffered the loss of all things and said, I "do count them but dung." So, he

"Don't Discourage . . . Please . . .!"

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to preach through its influence, Christians turning from worldliness and others being delivered from the burdensome load of modernism. For example, here are some letters to keep our prayer helpers and financial helpers from being discouraged, but to encourage them to redouble their efforts in enlarging the ministry of THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

Mrs. Glen Pinch of Charlotte, Michigan, sent us a good letter during Letter Month to tell how she loved THE SWORD OF THE LORD paper and added, "I feel I can't get along without it." The rest of her letter, which showed so clearly why she could not get along without it, is as follows:

"I think it is the best Christian periodical that one can get. I choose THE SWORD OF THE LORD above all other magazines, it has such a soul-winning ministry, and lots of good reading for Christians. I get such a blessing out of reading any of those sermons.

"My daughter was saved through reading THE SWORD OF THE LORD, so I can't say and praise enough your wonderful paper . . . But I feel so indebted to you for the rich blessing that I receive."

How wonderful that this precious daughter was saved through reading THE SWORD OF THE LORD! No wonder this good woman cannot say enough good things about the paper to satisfy her own heart.

Another word of encouragement comes from Barnwell, South Carolina, as L. E. Casdorph writes to tell us how THE SWORD changed his life. He says: "I accepted Christ October 9, 1953, soon after a friend gave me a SWORD to read. I found it so inspiring to my hungry soul and I sub-

found, not his own righteousness, but the righteousness of Christ and gave up everything in order to know Him "and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death." Paul really tried to live as if he were raised from the dead.

Paul knew that he had not attained the resurrection, neither was he perfect. But Paul followed after, running after the glorious resurrected life that one day all of us will have. Paul forgot the things that were behind and reached after the things before, the glorious resurrection and the perfection that will be ours when we awake transformed in the likeness of Christ. Paul did not claim to be "wholly sanctified" in the sense of sinless perfection, nor to have perfect love. Paul did not claim to have apprehended and he plainly denied that he was already perfect. But what victory and joy and peace Paul had in daily life!

Writing to the saints at Rome, by divine inspiration Paul commanded as follows:

"Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace."—Rom. 6:11-14.

Every Christian is to reckon himself dead to sin. Every Christian is to determine that sin shall not reign in his mortal body. We must confess that we still have the old nature. We have the frail body and the frail fleshly nature that goes with the body, and will have until death or until Jesus comes to change our vile bodies. That body and fleshly nature will then be adopted and redeemed, as we learn in Romans 8:19-23. But, while we have the old body and the old nature, it need not reign. It can be mortified, kept under. It can be ruled by the victorious and spiritual Christian.

Every Christian who, upon his profession of faith, has been baptized into the likeness of Christ's

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scribed for it. I couldn't express in words the strength I've received from THE SWORD."

A letter also came from John S. Hankinson, rejoicing over a report in THE SWORD OF THE LORD which he had just read, telling him how his prayers and efforts had been answered with respect to his mother's salvation. He wrote:

"We are praising God today for a very special reason. In the SWORD OF THE LORD you published a list of names of those who were saved through reading SWORD of the Lord literature. My mother's name was in that list . . . I subscribed for THE SWORD to be sent to my mother and also sent her a copy of the little booklet, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' and have been praying to that end for some time. Thank God, my prayers have been answered! Thanks to THE SWORD OF THE LORD and the little booklet . . . Please pray that my father will also be saved."

Perhaps someone else, who is reading these lines, has been praying for a loved one for whom they have sent a subscription to THE SWORD OF THE LORD. In the words of our Japanese brother across the sea, "Please don't discourage . . . please work more harder!"

With reference to encouragement, Mr. R. E. Seward from Gasport, New York, writes:

"There is a young man who I have invited to evangelistic meetings without success. Well, I sent his name in for THE SWORD OF THE LORD a couple of weeks ago. Yesterday he came up to me and said, 'I want to thank you for sending me THE SWORD OF THE LORD. The "Unmocked God," by Rev. Robert L. Sumner was just what I needed.' He promised to come to church, and now I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity of being able to help win someone to Christ. PRAISE THE LORD."

From Canada, during our recent Letter Month, we received this encouraging letter from Mr. Harry Lee, Stony Creek, Ontario. He wrote:

"...I have never read a paper which preaches against sin like THE SWORD; that is the kind of preaching we need. I sent the paper to my uncle a little over a year ago; he was 82 years old and he accepted Christ as his Saviour. He was a railroad engineer, and drank and cursed; now he is so thankful that he is a Christian. He told me that he sent ten subscriptions to some of his friends. He doesn't get out much, as he is not too well, but getting THE SWORD, and listening to Dr. Billy Graham on the radio strengthens him spiritually. So his conversion was a real joy to me..."

We are continually getting letters like the above from readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD all over the world. Last year, in 1954, there were 80 people who wrote to us saying that they had given their hearts to Christ through some sermon which they read in THE SWORD OF THE LORD paper. I know of no other such paper in the world, getting like results. Therefore, let me make the following suggestions: (1) Subscribe to THE SWORD OF THE LORD, with at least a one year's subscription, to every individual you have on your prayer list. A subscription sent to a loved one, saturated with intercessory prayer on the part of the sender, is bound to have its effect upon the heart and life of the one who receives it. The coming into their home week after week—for 52 consecutive weeks—of this dynamic, convicting paper is bound to have a good effect. (2) Send a contribution, whatever God lays on your heart, to our M & M Fund to help get out this paper to those who are in need of its message, but unable to pay the price of the subscription themselves. As you know, government regulations forbid our sending subscriptions to the paper without the subscriptions being paid for by someone. So many would like it who cannot pay their own subscription that we feel justified in asking friends who could help to do so. Your gifts will be gratefully appreciated and immediately acknowledged.

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WITH THE Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

By the Editor

EVANGELIST CECIL PEACOCK of Evans, Kentucky, has recently been blessed of God in some remarkable services. Despite opposition in rough territory he has seen a good many people saved and God has answered prayer.

Brother Peacock has had successful experience as a pastor, is sound in the faith, is sacrificial in spirit, and is anxious to be anywhere God wants him. He is presentable, spiritual, sensible, is a good friend of the editor.

Brother Peacock would be glad to go briefly as an apprentice with some useful evangelist. He would do fine personal work going by faith, would help in publicity and visitation as well as in the services.

EVANGELIST HUGH F. PYLE, 1721 South Gordon St. S. W., Atlanta, Georgia, recently returned to his former pastorate in West Florida. At Pensacola he spoke for a week in the Westside

Baptist Mission—a mission started by Brother Pyle during his pastorate at Brent Baptist Church there, and then preached for another week for Rev. Gordon Carpenter at the Cove Baptist Church, Panama City, Florida. In both places souls were saved, some joined by letter, backsliders were reclaimed and a number of rededications of life recorded.

A good word has come from Don Beldin, director for Youth for Christ, South Bend, Indiana. He tells of having **EVANGELIST BOB OUGHTON**, converted strongman and weight lifter, with Youth for Christ for ten days of meetings. Oughton was the speaker at the Youth for Christ rally and then spoke in the high school Bible clubs as well as churches each evening. The Lord blessed with 79 souls accepting Christ as Saviour. Eight of the young folks saved were Catholics.

Brother Beldin heartily recommends Evangelist Bob Oughton to pastors and Youth for Christ directors. He may be reached at 216 South 29th Street, Belleville, Illinois.

Pastor Edwin Shelly of the Bible Baptist Church, Floris, Iowa, writes telling of a good revival with **EVANGELIST RALPH DAVIDSON** of Coffeyville, Kansas. In the 13-day meeting held in July with Brother Davidson, 9 souls were saved, several young people dedicated their lives for full-time service, and several backsliders were restored. The pastor praises Evangelist Davidson as a truly Spirit-filled man of God who labors untiringly for lost souls and to bring believers into fully surrendered lives. The church has asked the evangelist to return for another meeting in December.

EVANGELIST DEL FEHSENFELD of 4521 Jarboe, Kansas City, Missouri, writes telling of a blessed campaign in Waco, Texas. The tent meeting is sponsored by ten Northeast Waco Baptist churches. Brother Fehsenfeld writes that in the last 3 services before his letter there have been between 30 and 35 professions of faith in Christ as Saviour. The last part of June a severe windstorm completely destroyed Del Fehsenfeld's tent in Douglas, Arizona. The tent was not covered by insurance so it was a total loss. Brother Fehsenfeld has an option to buy the tent he is now using for \$2,000 plus a truck and trailer, chairs and other equipment for \$5,000. The tent will seat 1,000 people in and around it and can be expanded to 200 feet in length.

Brother Fehsenfeld is one of the most earnest, soul-winning evangelists that we know. For years he has been a good friend of THE SWORD OF THE LORD and has helped to promote our work, often to his own hurt. If our friends in THE SWORD family would like to have part with Brother Fehsenfeld in the purchase of this tent and equipment gifts may be sent to him at the address given above.

EVANGELIST WALTER E. HANDFORD, vice-president of the Sword of the Lord Foundation, recently returned from 10 days of revival services at Newburg, Missouri. The Gospel singer, Ellis Zehr, widely known for his work in Germany and England, with Evangelists Bill Rice and E. J. Daniels, was a great help to the meeting. Evangelist Handford spoke three times, with great blessing, at the Sword Conference on Revival and Soul Winning at Lake Louise, Toccoa, Georgia. Before that he was a week of blessed services, with a good many saved, at Lost Creek, Kentucky, and is invited back for next year.

Brother Handford is a strong, fervent Bible preacher, sound in the faith, vigorous, wise, Spirit-filled. God is blessing this young man. He has some dates open in November and beyond. Those who

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death and has been raised in the likeness of His resurrection, in his baptism professed faith that Christ is risen from the dead, and that one day we, too, shall rise from the dead. When Jesus died, He died in my place. When He rose from the dead, then He pictured that I, too, will rise from the dead. So I count myself dead to sin and alive to Christ, and I set out to live a life in the power of the resurrected Christ. Every Christian can and should so live.

2. God's Grace, Freely Available, Is Sufficient for Every Need of the Christian

I shall never forget when I first learned that God's grace is sufficient under all circumstances, any time when defeat threatens and when strength fails, when discouragement comes, when temptation is great. I had been called to the First Baptist Church of Shamrock, Texas, my first full-time pastorate. The little church was divided, defeated, worldly. It had been without a pastor for long months. Lightning had struck the church building and burned it down. The people worshipped in a little unpainted, board tabernacle, forty by sixty feet. I felt clearly led to accept the pastorate and did; then began revival services in the church. Because of quarrels and division, many had vowed they would never enter that church again. For a week the heavens wept and rain drowned out the services. Only a handful of the faithful appeared. Deeply burdened and troubled, I went alone among the rocks in a railroad cut and searched in my Bible until I found the blessed promises of II Corinthians 12. Paul had been greatly exalted, had been given great blessings. Then there

wish to contact him may address him c/o Sword of the Lord, Wheaton, Illinois.

EVANGELIST JOE MILLER of Maple Avenue, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, recently had a one week revival effort with the Grassflat E. U. B. Church, Grassflat, Pennsylvania, with Rev. Homer Smith pastor; and also with Hagerstown Union Rescue Mission, Hagerstown, Maryland, Mr. James Resh, director. Souls were saved in both places and God gave His blessing. Brother Joe Miller's sermon on "Whisky, the Devil in Liquid Form" was recently published in THE SWORD OF THE LORD and was very favorably received. He is a strong, sound, Spirit-filled preacher. He has won thousands of souls to Christ. He has some open dates in September and through the winter and may be reached at the above address. He will be speaking, along with this editor, John R. Rice, at Central Manor Camp, Mountville, Pennsylvania, the last week in August.

REV. HOWARD W. NEWELL of South Main Street, Marion, South Carolina, has gone into full-time work as an evangelist, and is open for meetings. We have a number of letters from pastors and evangelists endorsing his ministry. These include Rev. James B. Rushing, 2113 West 26th Street, Pine Bluff, Arkansas; Rev. J. E. Shockley, pastor of Woodlawn Baptist Church, 3512 Virginia Street, Hopewell, Virginia; Evangelist Jack Mick, College City, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas; Rev. Jimmy Millikin, pastor of First Baptist Church, Greenway, Arkansas; and Rev. Thomas M. Godbold, Methodist pastor at Marion, S. C. Brother Bernard Ford, of Jacksonville, Arkansas, speaks very highly of Brother Newell, has had him in two revival campaigns. These brethren say Brother Newell is a very fervent Bible-believing preacher, a hard worker, a man of prayer and sincere consecration. He is premillennial, a Southern Baptist, and we are glad God is calling him into the work of evangelism.



Evang. H. W. Newell

came trouble and trial, weakness, temptation.

"And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong."—II Cor. 12:7-10.

I read those verses, read them again and again, and wept before the Lord. I admitted my frailty, my weakness, my youth, my inexperience. Then I claimed the blessed promise that God's grace would be sufficient, that God's strength is made perfect in weakness. Like Paul, I began to say, "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong."

Thank God, all the reproaches, all the infirmities of the flesh and spirit, all the necessities and poverty, all the persecutions, all the trials, are nothing but trifles for the abundant grace of God! God can do anything but fail. Man's extremity is God's opportunity. Man's infirmity simply makes an open door for God's blessing, if the man but trusts Him. Oh, the abundant, amazing grace of God! That grace, freely available, day and night, for the Christian is always sufficient.

The grace of God in forgiving, in giving a new chance, in giving strength for weakness, in overcoming the circumstances, is such a basic strength that every Christian may live in constant victory. Praise the Lord for the grace of God!

3. God Gives Daily Light for Our Daily Walk

In this matter of daily fellowship, daily cleansing, daily joy, daily light, we have blessed promises. In I John 1:3-7 we are given these comforting words:

"That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

This passage is given to teach a Christian to have daily fellowship with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. John says, "And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full." Oh, the daily, abundant, overflowing joy which a Christian may have, promised in these verses!

It is true that if we walk in darkness, fellowship will be broken. But, "if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

We learn here a blessed lesson. A Christian can have daily light on his path. He can know ahead of time and avoid the stones and pitfalls in the road. A Christian is not left alone, compelled to stumble in ignorance and weakness in a wicked world, attacked by Satan, and misled by his own carnal nature. No, a Christian can be led by the nail-pierced hands of Jesus, can walk on the pathway with daily light and with constant fellowship and joy.

One source of light to the Christian is the Bible, the blessed Word

of God. The administrator of this light is the blessed Holy Spirit. A Christian can have the Spirit of God to guide him as he studies the Bible, to bring to his mind the warnings, the promises, the comforts. A Christian can have the solemn rebuke of the Holy Spirit for failure and sin and the sweet comfort of the Holy Paraclete, the Comforter, who is sent alongside

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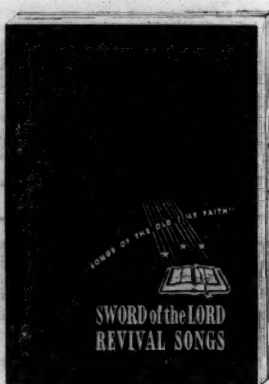
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has regularly refused to accept thousands of dollars he would rightfully earn annually in royalties from his books sold. The Sword of the Lord Publishers pays royalties to our other authors, but Dr. Rice has refused to touch a penny of what could rightfully be his. Also entering into the decision was the fact that employees here at the Sword of the Lord work for very modest salaries in order that the Gospel may be gotten out as economically as possible. Then, too, the Sword of the Lord has regularly through the years given away so many thousands of dollars of free literature every year that there is actually no money left over that could be called profit at the end of the year. Naturally we were delighted when the government recognized the Sword Foundation as a tax-exempt, nonprofit corporation in 1949.

We understand that through the years there has been some abuse of the privileges of a tax-exempt organization by some nonprofit groups. One secular school, for instance, was operating a large macaroni factory in competition with other macaroni factories which paid regular taxes on their business, thereby giving the school macaroni factory a distinct advantage in a business way. In order to prevent such unfair practices continuing Congress adopted a new tax law and sweeping investigations were made of many nonprofit organizations throughout the country. The Sword of the Lord Foundation together with a number of other fine Christian organizations was required to again prove their true tax-exempt status. Though we had not changed any of our methods of operation nor changed our goals in the slightest, yet we had to furnish new proof that we were entitled to our nonprofit status which the

government had already recognized in 1949.

Actually, it would have been a very serious thing for us had the new investigation not found us tax exempt and truly nonprofit. Our many good friends across the nation who regularly send in gifts for our subscription gift fund for ministers and missionaries, for our building fund, and for our free literature fund would no longer be able to claim their gifts to us as deductible from their income tax. Other friends who have included The Sword of the Lord Foundation in their wills or legacies would not be able to do so and claim the gifts as being tax-free. Then, too, since the Sword of the Lord is nonprofit we have been receiving a special postal rate for the mailing of THE SWORD. Had the federal government removed our tax exemption we would also have been forced to pay real estate taxes and other taxes which we are not now required to pay.

Our very fine attorney, Mr. Jacob Stam of Paterson, N. J. took the matter up with the tax department in Washington, D. C. He showed the authorities that the Sword of the Lord Foundation had not changed one whit from its original purpose and that it was operated exactly the same as when our tax exemption had been granted in 1949. A representative of the Treasury Department examined all of our financial reports and business records for the past few years. After his report was turned in at Washington the matter lay for months with no decision.

Now, finally, a letter has come from the Treasury Department in Washington again recognizing that the Sword of the Lord Foundation is truly a nonprofit corporation and entitled to all the privileges of a tax-exempt organization. Here is a section of the letter from the office of Commissioner of In-

ternal Revenue, U. S. Treasury Department in Washington:

"We have completed our review of the information furnished us for the purpose of further considering your status for Federal income tax purposes.

"In our ruling of November 17, 1952, we held that you are not entitled to exemption from Federal income tax under section 101(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939 for the year 1951 and subsequent years. Such ruling modified a ruling of August 26, 1949, holding that you are exempt under such section of the law.

"We have concluded, upon reconsideration and a careful study of all the information before us, that you are entitled to exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the 1954 Code, as being organized and operated exclusively for religious and educational purposes. Our ruling of November 17, 1952, is hereby revoked . . .

"Contributions made to you are deductible by the donors in computing their taxable income in the manner and to the extent provided by section 170 of the 1954 Code (and, where applicable, by section 23 (c) (2) and (q) (2) of the 1939 Code) . . .

"Bequests, legacies, devises or transfers to or for your use are deductible in computing the value of the taxable estate of a decedent for Federal estate tax purposes in the manner and to the extent provided by sections 2055 and 2106 of the 1954 Code (and, where applicable, by sections 812, (d) and 861(a) (3) of the 1939 Code). Gifts of property to or for your use are deductible in computing taxable gifts for Federal gift tax purposes in the manner and to the extent provided by section 2522 of the 1954 Code (and, where applicable by sections 1004(a) (2)(B) and 1004(b) (2) and (3) of the 1939 Code)."

We are happy for this vindication of the world-wide soul-winning work being done so sacrificially by the people here at the Sword of the Lord Foundation.

We understand that the Sword of the Lord Foundation was not included in the cumulative list of tax-exempt organizations published by the Treasury Department during the period in which they were re-checking the work here. One woman wrote recently that an audit of her income tax report for last year had been challenged by the Bureau of Internal Revenue since the Sword was not listed in this book of tax-exempt organizations. We are furnishing her with proof that the Sword of the Lord Foundation is actually tax exempt and so recognized by the federal government. Now we understand that the Sword will be listed again in the supplementary list of tax exempt organizations which will be published by the government very shortly. If any of your gifts have been challenged by the income tax investigators we will be glad to furnish any information necessary to clear up the matter completely.

We are so happy to be able to give this good news to all of our many friends who regularly pray for and support this soul-winning work. There are several projects right now which you may be able to help us in spreading the revival and soul-winning message of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. In the first place our Minister and Missionary Subscription Gift Fund needs several thousands of dollars to help us reach ministers with this revival message who otherwise would not be able to afford a subscription to THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Then, too, the Free Literature Fund needs the sacrificial support of many of our friends around the world to help send Sword literature to folks who cannot afford it. There is always a crying need from foreign lands for people who would read them and be saved if we could only send them. Won't you pray and see if God won't have you help about this matter?

Then, too, there is the Building Fund. We hope soon to be able to show you some preliminary plans of the new Sword building to put on our new property here in Wheaton. But before we can do so there will be architect's fees to be arranged for and other heavy ex-

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to help and to guide us into all truth.

In view of all these blessed promises, let the Christian enter into the life of peace and victory. Remember Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me" (John 14:1). Again He said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

Now let us learn how to walk in the light.

II. How to Live Victoriously Every Day

Let me give some simple rules which are, if followed sincerely and from the heart, the certain road to daily victory—victory over sin, victory over defeat, victory over discouragement and every trial and trap set by Satan.

1. Confess Before God and Judge Every Sin the Moment It Becomes Known to You

Keep short accounts with God! Do not wait until you have backslidden, lost your joy and have fallen into worldliness and open and coarser sins. Make it a rule of your life that the moment God shows you failure or sin in your life, that you will confess and forsake it. Thank God, a small matter is soon mended. If everything else in the kitchen is spotlessly clean and in its place, the dishes of one meal can soon be washed and put away. But if Mother has been gone from home for a week and the sink is filled with dirty dishes, every pot and pan is encrusted with burned food, the garbage pail is running over, it is a discouraging task to put things right. The moment a sin is recognized, confess and forsake it! That one rule is the biggest rule, and it

penses which our friends will need to help us pay.

Remember, all gifts and contributions to the Sword of the Lord Foundation are tax exempt and may be deducted from your income tax report for contribution purposes. Will you prayerfully consider what part you ought to have in this soul-winning work? Receipts will be sent for all gifts of \$1.00 or more. Please specify what fund you would like to help with your gift. Send all gifts to Sword of the Lord Foundation, Wheaton, Illinois.

works. "For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged" (I Cor. 11:31).

2. Daily Meditation and Feeding on the Word of God Gives Light and Strength for Victory

Two verses in Psalm 119 tell us how valuable is the Word of God in overcoming sin. Verse 9 says, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word."

Every young man who sets out, day by day, to find from the Word of God God's rules of conduct and God's blessed truths as applied to his life, can "cleanse his way."

Verse 11 in the same Psalm says, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

Here we see that it is important for a Christian to memorize Scriptures, to learn what God says and meditate on it in the heart. Then the Word of God, hidden in the heart, comes to the conscience in time of stress and temptation and

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First: We are carrying a Gospel missionary program into many parts of the world. All the money that comes into the missionary fund gets to the mission field and is used for the direct spread of the Gospel. There is no modernism connected with it. It is out and out, through and through, up and down a soul-winning Gospel program. Second: We need money to help students in Bob Jones University who are not able to pay all of their expenses. We have never knowingly turned away from the University any student that we were willing to accept because that student needed some help in order to train for Christian work. We need more money to help more students. Third: We now have an expansion program. We are building another large girls' dormitory. We are building a fine arts building, not only to help with our music and speech but to relieve congestion in the academic building.

Now, we want you to help us in the three following ways. First: We want you—and this is above everything else—to pray for Bob Jones University. Pray daily and pray earnestly. Second: We want you to help us by recommending the right kind of students who can be really trained for Christian work. We are not interested in simply educating people to go out and live selfish lives. We want to help young people train so they will be real spiritual witnesses for the Lord Jesus Christ in whatever place God may put them. We tell our students in Bob Jones University that life is not divided into the secular and the sacred—that every Christian is a God-called man or woman and that God has a plan for every Christian's life. All cannot be preachers, and all cannot be foreign missionaries, but all of us Christians can be faithful. Some of the finest soul winners we have ever trained are not going into the ministry and are not going to be foreign missionaries; but we are training probably more preachers and more missionaries than any other liberal arts school in the United States. Third: During the next twelve months we are going to need thousands of dollars for the work we have planned. Now, if you will send your contributions to Bob Jones University, we will use one-fourth for the Missionary Fund, one-fourth for the Student Loan Endowment Fund, and for the next twelve months, we will use one-half for our expansion program. Please let us hear from you. Thank you and God-bless you.

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reminds one, "Don't do that! That is a sin."

When some great temptation comes, it is too late to search for God's warning. Hide it in the heart ahead of time, if you would have help when you need it to keep your heart from sin.

A few years ago several of us, as guests of a Christian sportsmen's group, went to the Rocky Mountains to hunt. We wanted a grizzly bear. So we bought an outlaw horse for \$25 and used him as a pack horse (with many tribulations because of his rebellion) to pack camp goods up into the high Rockies, just east of Yellowstone Park. The outlaw horse was then shot and used as bait for Mr. Grizzly Bear. Many times we went to visit the bear bait to see if Mr. Grizzly had come to eat his fill of the decaying carcass. I assure you that every time we came with the 30-30 rifle loaded and cocked. Should we come face to face with a giant grizzly as big as a horse, the most murderous beast on this continent, it would be too late to load the gun.

O Christian, keep your gun loaded! Then when you meet the Devil going about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour, you can defend yourself against him with the sword of the Spirit. Meditate on the Word of God, hide it in your heart, and you will be forewarned and forearmed against temptation.

In the high priestly prayer of Jesus, the Saviour prayed for all of us, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17). A Christian can be set apart for God by the Word of God.

Paul gave the same holy injunction to the preachers at Ephesus. "I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified" (Acts 20:32).

The really victorious life is the life that is grounded on the Word of God, that feeds on the Word of God, that is cleansed by the blessed Word of God.

We are told in Ephesians 5:25 and 26 that "... Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word." So, let every Christian read all of the Bible, read much of it every day, hide it in his heart, obey it, love it, meditate upon it day and night. That is an essential part of the sure road to daily victory.

3. Avoid the First Steps That Would Lead to Sin

We are told in I Thessalonians 5:22, "Abstain from all appearance of evil," or "abstain from every form of evil." I think the idea here is not only that we should keep the appearance of doing right but also make sure we shun the approach to evil. It is true that we ought to provide things honest in the sight of all men. But I think this Scripture means more than that. It means, surely, that a Christian should avoid the outlying area of sin, avoid the steps that would lead to sin.

A few weeks ago a mother, who was sending her brilliant young Christian son to a modernistic school, asked me to pray for her son. They wanted him to have the courses offered in this school where the verbal inspiration of the Bible is denied; where the virgin birth, the bodily resurrection, the atoning death of Christ is mocked. She wanted me to pray that her boy would stay true to the faith, despite the certain temptation he was voluntarily entering. I told her I would pray for the boy but that I had no assurance that God would answer such a prayer after they deliberately subjected the young man to such temptation. I know how to raise young people as sound Christians, well established in the faith, and able to resist all the foolish and wicked blandishments of modernism. But the only way I know to do that is to rear them right, without putting them into deliberate temptation in such matters. Then they will be strong and reliable and

able to meet whatever comes in the course of duty. I do not believe that a Christian can always overcome a temptation when he has deliberately walked into the temptation.

David could have avoided the sin of adultery, but it is very possible that he could not have avoided it after he had brought Bathsheba to his roof top in the night and dallied and petted with another man's wife. David could have avoided murdering his good friend and faithful servant, Uriah, but I do not know that he could have avoided it after he had committed adultery with the man's wife and felt compelled to hide it. Lot could have avoided incest with his daughters, but he could not avoid it after he was drunk and did not know what was going on.

Young men have told me of harrowing temptation and shameful defeat in sex temptation. I have told them, as I now tell you, that the place to have victory is before you read the dirty story, before you look at the lewd picture, before your mind dwells on forbidden topics, before you neck and pet and unduly stimulate sex desire and set the fires of Hell burning in your own breast. Yes, a Christian can live a happy, victorious life, but he cannot do that and play with sin.

Children who do not want to start fires should not play with matches. The girl who does not want to fall in love with, and marry a drunkard, should make up her mind never to have a date with a boy who drinks, or with a boy or man unworthy to be her husband. You who do not want to follow the lewd practices of the movie stars and have the shameful blight of daily defeat by sin, should not look on the silver screen with its tainted pictures, its false standards, its deceitful lusts. If you put yourself in the company of the wicked, immoral stars of Hollywood, you will soon be living as they live, and your heart will be shamed over your defeat.

In Joshua, chapter 7, we have the story of the sin and ruin that came to Achan. He took a Babylonish garment and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight and two hundred pieces of silver. The progress of sin is illustrated in his words, "When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it" (Josh. 7:21).

Note the deadly course of sin, "I saw... I coveted... and took... they are hid." First we look on sin. Then we want sin. Then we take sin. Then we excuse it, lie about it, hide it. I cannot promise any Christian that he will not take the forbidden things if he first looks on them, then grows to covet them. So let every Christian start out to avoid the very appearance of evil, to avoid the steps that will lead to sin. This is the road of victory.

4. Seek to Follow the Blessed Will of God in Every Detail

This rule is akin to the one mentioned above. But the one who sets out to do the will of God in everything can have God's help in time of need.

Years ago in Dallas, Texas, a young man in the church of which I was pastor felt the call of God to preach. A business opportunity came his way, a good job, fast promotion, a good salary. He tried the newspaper business and seemed to prosper in it, but he did not prosper spiritually. Preoccupation with his work, missing church services, neglect of Bible study and prayer, a heart growing cold toward soul winning followed, and then, finally, drink and the consciousness that he had drifted far from the will of God and the blessing of God.

I remember when he came forward in a public service to lay his life again upon the altar. With many tears he said to me, "Brother Rice, I cannot even be a good Christian if I do not preach the Gospel as God has commanded me!"

He had learned the hard lesson that if you do not obey the will of God you cannot have God's strength, God's victory, God's help in overcoming temptation.

I know that the dear Lord has a way whereby the man who has been a slave to drink can be utterly freed from it and live a victorious life, with never again a touch of liquor, but a life of sobriety and holy example for others, a life of sweet fellowship and rich usefulness. I have seen many a drunkard saved and transformed, and I have seen the victory that God has given over such temptations. But I say frankly—as I have found it necessary to tell many a drinking man—that I cannot guarantee victory over drink if he holds onto cigarettes, I cannot guarantee that God will give victory over the lust for liquor if he still makes money his god, if he does not take time for the Bible, time to pray, and does not have a heart to win souls. The only way wherein lies full and complete victory day by day is the life of obedience to the will of God.

That is the reason it is so desperately important for every Christian to listen to the still small voice, the monitoring of the Holy Spirit within. The blessed Holy Spirit is sent to comfort, to guide, to warn the believer. Thank God, this holy Comforter and Guide lives within our bodies. He helps us pray, He helps us live victoriously. But the Scripture plainly commands not only "Walk in the Spirit" (Gal. 5:16) and "... be filled with the Spirit" (Eph. 5:18), but "grieve not the holy Spirit of

God" (Eph. 4:30) and "Quench not the Spirit" (I Thess. 5:19).

The Christian who wants to live a victorious life must listen to the still small voice. Do not quench the insistent warning when God's Spirit speaks to the heart about sin. If today you defend your actions, if you do not follow the light and walk in the light, then the light may be withdrawn. God's Spirit may cease to warn.

As we are not to quench the Spirit by rebellion, so we are not to grieve the Spirit by sin. Everything that grieves the blessed Holy Spirit who lives within us should be hated and lamented and judged. The ungrieved Spirit will give us joy and peace and victory. Let us make sure that that holy Guest within us is not grieved by any tolerance of sin, by any rebellion against the will of God, by any disobedience to the heavenly vision.

5. God Gives Strength in Answer to Ceaseless Prayer

In the model prayer the Saviour taught us to pray, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." So it is obviously intended that we should daily pray for guidance, pray for deliverance from the evil one. In Ephesians 6:10-17, we are commanded to be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might; to put on the whole armor of God, with loins girt about with truth, with the breastplate of righteousness, with shoes of the Gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit.

Then verse 18 continues, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."

The final equipment of the good soldier, who wrestles against principalities and powers and defends himself by God's help against all the onslaughts of the evil one, is prayer. The Christian should pray always, with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit and with all perseverance for all the saints. What a weapon is prayer!

A Christian man came to me, his pastor, for help in breaking the tobacco habit which had enslaved him for many years. He agreed with me that it was a sin to defile the body, that it was a bad example before his children and others, that it dishonored Christ and was a poor testimony for a Christian. He wanted to quit it but thought he could not. I prevailed upon him to trust the Lord and try. He came back to report to me. "If I could only talk to you several times a day and have your advice and have you pray for me, I could win this fight," he said. "I go out in the morning after we have our family worship and I feel strong, I get along well. After two or three hours I become so obsessed with a desire for a smoke that I can hardly control myself. Thus far I have not been able to get through the day without smoking. What shall I do?"

I told him, as I tell you today, dear troubled Christian, that you

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may have strength for every need by constant prayer. Anyone who follows the will of God and who really wants to do right can have grace to do right. But it is only by constant prayer that one may have such strength. I urged upon this troubled Christian that he take time to pray in the morning, then simply go aside once every hour, as long as necessary, to confess his weakness, to plead with God for strength, to wait on God until he had sweet assurance of God's help.

He tried that plan and found himself wonderfully, happily victorious. He said, "I promise God that I will pray every half hour if need be, or every fifteen minutes, just so He will help me to gain the victory in this matter." Soon the fight was won, the filthy habit was broken, and the Christian man, who had a Christian heart, had now also a good Christian testimony.

Simon Peter missed the point of the solemn warning Jesus gave him and fell into sin. The Lord Jesus said, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Matt. 26:41). If Peter had watched and prayed as he should have, his weak flesh would not have led him into lying, denying Jesus and cursing and swearing. The right kind of continual waiting on God in prayer would have given Peter the strength to do right.

God is a strong tower of refuge for those who run to Him regularly, in every need, in every temptation.

This way of perfect peace and victory through taking everything to God in prayer is taught in Philippians 4:6, 7, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be

made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." God's peace, like a strong garrison of soldiers, keeps and defends the heart and keeps it in perfect fellowship and victory if we take every burden, every trouble, every temptation to God in prayer with supplication and thanksgiving. So then, dear Christian, learn to "pray without ceasing."

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.

6. Fervent Soul-Winning Effort Helps to Keep One Straight, Brings God's Blessing in Fellowship

All we have said before about living a victorious life comes to a climax in the matter of soul winning. We know that soul winning is the one matter dearest to the heart of God. "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Tim. 1:15). Jesus Himself said about Zacchaeus, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). We are told that in Heaven the one thing that causes rejoicing is the salvation of a sinner. "I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance" (Luke 15:7). If you want to do the thing that is most important, then win souls. If you want to be occupied with the thing that pleases God most, then win souls.

First of all, soul winning is such a worthy goal that it makes all of life worth living, makes any incidental pleasures of worldliness

and sin seem worse than useless if they hinder the blessed work of winning souls. To be absorbed in the greatest task in the world and have all one's powers, all one's energy and enthusiasm harnessed in this great work certainly does simplify the matter of living right. Everything seems to fall into proper focus when one gets to doing the greatest business in the world. Many Christians, seeking the trifling pleasures of the world, are trapped by devices of Satan because they do not have an all-consuming passion that makes it worth while to live right, worth while to pray.

Some of us have worked on a farm and have driven big teams of four or six horses or mules. I assure you, many lessons can be learned from horses.

What a task it is to drive four horses to an empty wagon when they are hitched with two as a lead team, and two as wheel horses. If the driver does not watch, the lead team will slow down too much and the singletrees will hit their heels, or the tongue of the wagon will poke them in the rump and there will be a startled horse kicking in surprise and the whole team upset! Or, if the lead team goes too fast, they will pull the wagon up on the heels of the wheel team and they will bump their legs on the singletrees. Or, the wheel team will not follow the lead team exactly and so there may come a mix-up. But just put several tons of weight on the wagon and in a moment all the difficulties are gone. Each horse buckles down to his job and they automatically stay in line. The wheel team cannot pull the wagon fast enough to run the tongue into the lead team. The lead team cannot pull the wagon up on the heels of the wheel team.

So it is that a great goal and a tremendous occupation with the most serious and blessed thing in the world can straighten out everything in the life of a Christian. As a youngster I once worked a

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beautiful princess was walking down a country lane, and a very handsome prince dressed in royal apparel came up behind her, dropped on his knees and proposed marriage. Looking up into her eyes he said,

"If only I could have thee, I would never want another. Will you give me your hand in marriage?"

She looked at the prince and replied, "Down the road about a mile my sister is following. She is far more beautiful than I. You go look at her, and if after having seen her you still desire me, I'll give you my answer."

The very handsome prince got up and ran down the road. After about an hour he came running back, a look of great disappointment on his face. He said to the beautiful princess,

"Why did you tell me that your sister was more beautiful than you? Why, she's not to be compared with you in beauty."

The princess replied, "I know that, but didn't you say that if only you could have me you would never want another? If that is true, why did you even bother to go look at my sister?"

Is that not true of most of us? We say, "Lord, Thou art the fairest of ten thousand. All I need, Lord Jesus, I find in Thee. I know I can't take money with me, and all the excitement of my life is nothing compared to my relationship to Thee."

team of four horses and mules abreast to a big double-disk turning plow. Two of the team were wild young mules and as I drove into the field, before I got the plow into the ground, those two young mules got excited and bolted. They dragged the other team and the plow and me right along with them, and there we went, cavorting across the field! But I reached quickly for a lever and let the plows down deep. What a change! As the big disk-breaking plows caught hold, they began to throw the soil in great arching streams. The wild mules suddenly found all they could do, going zig-zag across the field, pulling a plow that normally all four were needed to pull. That took the wind out of their sails mighty quick! Soon, sweating and panting, they were glad enough to stop. I drove back to the edge of the field, got my furrow running straight and had no more trouble with the young mules.

You see, many a young mule of a Christian gets off the track unless he gets some consuming passion that is worth giving up everything else for. Soul winning is the one greatest thing in the world. What is there in all the universe that one could do which would have a reward for millions of years to come, like soul winning?

I do not wonder that the Bible says, "... he that winneth souls is wise" (Prov. 11:30). He is not only wise for the next world, but wise for this world because it will save much heartbreak, it will still the siren voices that would mislead him and will give him strength to resist temptation. The soul winner has the best chance in the world to live a life of victory.

The truth is that God cares so much for His soul winners that He puts a protecting wall about them. In John 15:2 Jesus said, "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." The Christian who does not win souls may be handicapped, he may be turned over to temptation. But every branch that bears fruit is purged by the loving hand of the Husbandman so that it may bring forth more fruit. Oh, how dear to God are the soul winners who enter into the burden of Jesus for dying sinners!

When the Israelites were brought out of Egypt to go into the land of Canaan, God gave some very strict instructions. In the siege of any city, God said, "Only the trees which thou knowest that they be not trees for meat, thou shalt destroy and cut them down. . ." (Deut. 20:20).

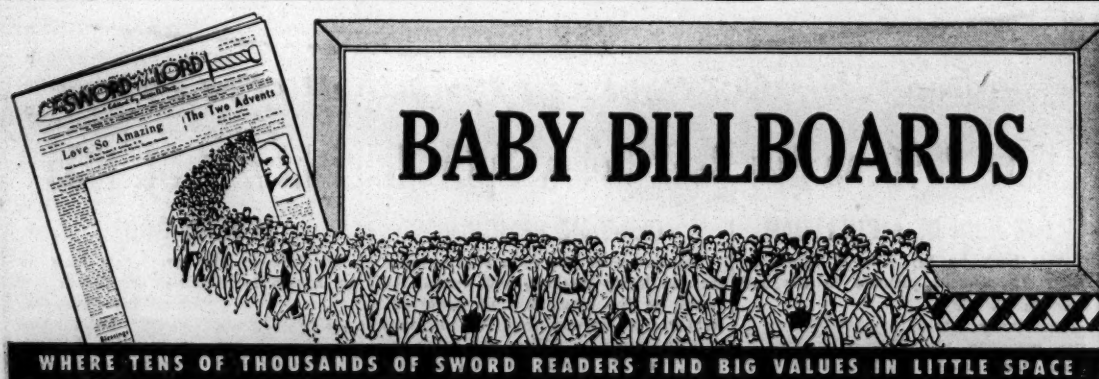
And no sooner is that devotion and love expressed than we go out following some other love, and are unfaithful and inconsistent in our devotion to the Lover of our soul, the Lord Jesus Christ.

In Disposition

Are we not guilty of inconsistency in this matter of our disposition? A Christian should be the most joyful person on the face of God's earth. We Christians should have sweet words and wholesome relationships with our loved ones and the people with whom we work. There should be a smile on our faces and a song in our hearts, and every word that comes over our lips should be one of praise and joy and rejoicing. Yet too many of us reserve our sweet words of commendation for people in a position to advance us and who can add to our gain, and we use our grouchy words and words of criticism and stinging words for our wives and our children and those closest to us.

The grouchy persons are legion. The grouchy person and the grumbling person can be found everywhere. The growling person can be found in our Bible institutes and Christian colleges and universities. The growler can be found on the faculty. The growler can be found in the family circle. The growler can be found in the pew, and the growler can be found even in the pulpit. The mother growler

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Naught of this world's delusive dream;
I have renounced all sinful pleasure,
Jesus is mine; let nothing between.

Nothing between like worldly pleasure;
Habits of life, though harmless they seem,
Must not my heart from Him ever sever,—
He is my all, let nothing between.

Nothing between, e'en many hard trials,
Though the whole world against me convene;
Watching with prayer and much self-denial,
I'll triumph at last, with nothing between.

Nothing between my soul and the Saviour,
So that His blessed face may be seen;
Nothing preventing the least of His favor,
Keep the way clear! Let nothing between.

—C. A. Tindley

(Chapter VI from the 134-page book, **WHEN A CHRISTIAN SINS**, by Dr. John R. Rice. Regularly priced at \$1.75. Reduced to \$1.40 during August Sale. **Sword of the Lord Publishers**, Wheaton, Illinois.)

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growls about the children when they don't pick up their clothing. The father growler growls when his supper is not prepared on time or when the bills come due and he complains that his wife is extravagant, or that the kids get on his nerves. The student growlers growl about the food and growl about the way the school is being run. The church growlers growl about one another and growl about the sermons and growl about the preacher; and the preacher growls about the people in the pews, the indifference in their hearts.

Ah, we have become a nation of growlers, a church of growlers. Our dispositions are not sweet. We are inconsistent. It is a wonderful thing once in a while to come upon a man who is facing the problems of life with a smile on his face and victory in his soul. He makes no complaints, but he presses on until the victory is won.

Driving through the state of Ohio I saw on a tombstone the name of a fellow by the name of "Gripe." I would like to recommend we enlarge Mr. Gripe's grave, and we find all of the growlers and all the grippers in the churches and the schools and in the Lord's work and in the homes, and put them all in the grave, close it up, and say, "Here lie the growlers of the world."

It's time for us to face this matter of our sour dispositions and call it sin. Don't talk to me about modernism. Don't talk to me about the movies. Don't say to me that you have a church where you do not allow anybody who smokes to teach Sunday School. You yourself are a constant growler and sour in your disposition. Growling and a sour disposition are as much sin in the sight of God as those things you label worldly.

I want you to put your little spiritual umbrellas away. People come to my meeting, put up their little umbrellas and say, "Didn't he skin them tonight!" and everything falls on everybody else. Well, you put your little umbrellas under the seat, because I have something to say to all of you.

In Convictions

We are sometimes not consistent in our convictions. It is wrong to smoke. It is wrong to go to the movies. It's wrong to look at television. They are detrimental to our spiritual welfare. Nobody much preaches about television, but it is going to become one of the greatest menaces to the church in our generation. Many places cannot have a Sunday night service because of it. There are some here tonight who have let down the bars in the matter of their convictions. They have gone back into the world and lost their testimony.

Some of us are inconsistent when it comes to preaching our convictions. Many preachers are preparing their sermons on top of the bread box. They are afraid that if they ring the changes on sin and point the finger and say, "Thou art the man," somebody in the pew who is a liberal giver

might get offended and no longer put his money into the church. Now we need to go to God in sackcloth and ashes if, anywhere along the line, we have compromised in our convictions. Be a man of convictions, and stand by them, and live by them and never compromise. Be consistent in your convictions.

In the Use of Talents

We can be accused of being inconsistent in the use of our talents. There are some people here who could preach, but they do not preach. There are some people here who can teach, but they do not teach. There are some laymen here who can win souls, but they do not win souls. There are some people here who can sing, but they do not sing. There are people here who can visit, but they do not visit. There are some people here who have great power and great wealth and great talents for God, but they do not use them. You sing "Standing on the promises," and I believe half the time you think it means "sitting on the promises."

Every Christian should use every talent that God has given him every hour of the day, of the week, of the month and of the year until Jesus comes. If you are the type of Christian that runs in spurts, who gets all hepped up during the revival meeting and goes to church and serves God for about a month, and then falls by the wayside, you are guilty of inconsistency in the use of your talents.

In Devotional Life

Many of us are guilty in the matter of inconsistency in our devotional life. There aren't very many Christians who read their Bibles every day. Sometimes we read out of a sense of duty, but we should read our Bibles every day to let God speak to our

hearts; not to sermonize, but to mull over it and chew it.

If a person will spend fifteen minutes a day reading the Bible, he can read five pages a day in Scofield Bible, and that's reading very slowly. If you spend fifteen minutes a day with God reading the Bible, you can read through the New Testament every sixty-seven days, and you can read through the whole Bible every nine months. But you see, it is consistency. It is every day reading the Bible. It is every day getting alone with God and having your private prayer. It is every day having a family altar. It is consistency in talking to God in prayer, and reading the Bible and letting God talk to you.

Too many of us have a family altar that goes good for a month and then we let it die out. Too many of us read the Bible every other day, every three days. Too many of us allow sermon preparation and budget raising and building programs to keep us away from our quiet time with God. A preacher is more than a maker of sermons; he is a maker of men. You can not make godly men and men of faith until you make yourself a man of God and a man of faith first; and you will only do that as you go to your knees and read your Bible and get alone with God.

In the Use of Our Tongues

We can be accused of being inconsistent in the matter of using our tongues. Gossiping is terrible. A gossip is deadly, as deadly as a little child with a loaded revolver, as deadly as a drunken driver with a high-powered automobile. Gossiping has broken churches. Gossiping has rendered preachers powerless. Gossiping has ruined the work of God in many places. And we preachers preach against it. Then we sit down at a conference table during Founder's Week and have fried preacher all week long. We criticize and talk about other men of God. That is all the conversation many people have.

God says that inconsistency with the tongue is wrong. It is wrong always to do idle talking. It is wrong for students to stand around talking about comic books when they ought to be talking about the Word of God, or for them always to be joking and laughing and engaging in frivolous, light talk. When I went to school there were lots of fellows who never talked anything that was sensible. Paul exhorts us to redeem the time, for the days are evil. There is no time to be wasted using our tongues in idle talk.

I bought a cheap fountain pen one time—it cost me ninety-eight cents. I even received directions with that fountain pen, and the directions read like this: "When this pen begins to run too freely, it is a sign that it is almost empty." You get the point? Whenever a Christian is always talking nonsense, idle chatter, inconsistent with his tongue, put it down that he is almost empty.

Most of you here will never be great preachers, and many will never be called to the mission field, but I will tell you one thing that can characterize the life of everyone in this audience. It can be said of you that you are a consistent, faithful, steadfast Christian. That you can be, if you want to be. If you are, you will be rewarded at the judgment seat of Christ. It will be "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." Not how many souls you have won to Christ, or how many revivals you have conducted, or how many throngs of people have turned out to hear you; but the thing that Jesus will reward will be faithfulness. The most humble saint can receive his "W. D." degree if he wants it, for all of us can be faithful.

Secondly, we Christians, we who are in places of responsibility, Sunday School teachers and leaders in the church, we who are respectable Christians, we are guilty of

The Sin of Jealousy

If there is any sin that is committed by respectable, highly thought of Christians more than any other it is the sin of jealousy. The Bible says, "Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking

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one another, envying one another" (Gal. 5:26). The Bible says, "A sound heart is the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones" (Prov. 14:30).

There are many here tonight, including this preacher, who have bowed their heads in shame and confessed that some time in their lives their faces expressed and they allowed to spue out of their mouths that which revealed hearts that were filled with jealousy. There is probably not a person in this crowd that has not been jealous of another preacher, another worker, someone he is acquainted with.

Jealousy gets great delight out of the failure of someone else. Jealousy is displeased with the success of someone else. The Devil was jealous of God, and oh, how it expressed itself in his old nature when he said, "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation . . . I will be like the most High" (Isa. 14: 13, 14). Jealousy, when it comes out in your life, is a definite expression of the old self nature, and is evidence that you are not filled with the Holy Ghost.

Cain was jealous of his brother Abel, and what happened? He killed his brother, for he hated him. Jealousy is like that. If a man has a jealous heart, he begins to hate his brother in the Lord, and God in His Word says we should love one another. Joseph's brothers were jealous of him, and it divided the family. We need to be a united people; but when people are jealous of one another, it divides the body of Christ. You can not win victories for God in that manner.

Saul was jealous of David. The people began to sing that Saul had slain his thousands but David his tens of thousands, and the first opportunity Saul had, he threw a javelin at David, trying to pin him against the wall. That is what jealousy will do. It will cause a man to try to kill one of his own soldiers. When no one else would go to fight Goliath, David said, "God will deliver him into my hands," and he went out with a slingshot and a stone and delivered Israel. The very boy who had won his victories, Saul tried to pin to the wall with a javelin.

As Christian workers, how long is it going to take us to stop shooting down our own soldiers? How long is it going to take you to stop being jealous of some other pastor who is doing more than you are doing, winning more souls than you are, preaching to bigger crowds than you are preaching to? How long is it going to take us to realize that we don't all have the same talents; that God has ordained and endowed some men with five talents and some with only one? How long is it going to take us to stop criticizing and condemning and talking about other leaders in the Lord's work, all because we are sorry God didn't put us up there in the position that they are in?

Miriam and Aaron were jealous of Moses, and what happened? Miriam was stricken with leprosy and it stopped the camp of Israel for seven days. For seven days, while they waited for Miriam's recovery, they didn't march. The church is a marching church. The church is going through the wilderness now. The church has its armor on. But I know of nothing that will stop revival and hinder the Lord's work in our generation more than jealousy among God's people. It will stop the army. It will divide the camp. It will cause our wheels to stop rolling. It will cause the gospel trumpet to blast forth sour notes. It will paralyze the limbs that are carrying the Gospel. We can't afford to have one ounce of jealousy in our hearts.

If you are guilty of the sin of jealousy, how can you get rid of it? Judge it and confess it, and get down and pray for the one you are jealous of.

F. B. Meyer, at one time, found that many of his church members were going over to hear G. Campbell Morgan, and Meyer was jealous. He relates that the only way

he got victory over his sin was to get down and pray for Mr. Morgan. And, friend, the only way you are going to get victory over jealousy is to start praying for the person you are jealous of. When you put the work of the Lord Jesus Christ ahead of your own selfish desire for glory and exaltation and advancement, there can be no jealousy in your heart when you see souls being saved under the other man's ministry. You are not right with God if you cannot rejoice over the salvation of souls under the ministry of some other man.

You won't have any jealousy in your heart if you stop long enough to count your own blessings. I cannot be jealous when I see what God has done for me, what God has given to me. I could never be jealous of Billy Graham, he has done so much for us other evangelists. Every great meeting he holds is a help to every other evangelist in the world. Every great building that is built, every great budget that is subscribed, every great victory won in the church is going to help your church.

If you have a jealous streak in your soul, count your own blessings, and see what God has done for you. You won't have jealousy remain in your life very long after that.

Finally, respectable Christians are guilty of

The Sin of a Compassionless Heart for Souls

Preacher, how long has it been since you have left your study and knocked on the door in the neighborhood to talk to a man about his soul? Many preachers today are not even preaching soul-winning sermons. Many of you preachers have fed the saints until they have the gout. How long has it been since you got out of your Greek lexicon and went out and won a soul to Jesus Christ?

The sin of the ministry is this, that pastors have allowed denominational programs and budget raising and building construction to take the place of personal soul winning. As a result, they no longer are preaching sermons that are geared to reach the lost, and many do not give an invitation on Sunday morning for sinners to walk down the aisle. It has been months in many churches that are pastored by some of you people since you saw a sinner come to the altar and get right with God. Many of you have people in your church who do not know how to win a soul to Christ. Why? I'll tell you why. When there is no soul-winning fire in the pulpit, there will not be any in the pew.

There is only one way we can take America for Christ. We are not going to do it with the ministry of one man or a group of evangelists. Though an evangelist may hold an overwhelmingly successful city-wide or even country-wide evangelistic crusade, yet in one year's time there will have been more children born physically than there were souls born again in that campaign. We are losing ground.

How are we going to take the world for Jesus Christ? By getting right back to the way God ordained. Every Christian in this crowd, including every layman, every student, every preacher, every teacher, must gear his program to win souls to Jesus Christ.

D. L. Moody made it the practice of his life to witness to somebody every day. When I read that as a student here in Moody Bible Institute, I put on my overcoat, filled my pockets with tracts, and for three solid years I walked the streets of Chicago. I went in saloons night after night, talking to people about their souls. Don't tell me that they cannot be won for Christ. I believe there is a man in this crowd tonight that I led to Jesus Christ at 812 North Clark Street the first week I was in Moody Bible Institute. He was one of the worst drunkards, one of the worst reprobates who ever walked the streets of this city. Tonight he is a respectable, respected gentleman. There are lost souls within a stone's throw of every

place you will put your foot in this city. The greatest sin you can commit as a respectable Christian is to go week after week and not try to win a soul to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Some men have gone through Hell to win souls. William Carey got a map and put down the need of every country. With the Great Commission burning in his soul, Carey said, "O God, do you want to use me?" And God said, "I want you to go." Carey went to India, and for seven years he and Mr. Thomas, his helper, labored without winning a convert. After seven years they led a man to Jesus Christ who was willing to be baptized publicly and suffer persecution. They were so happy that Mr. Thomas temporarily lost his mind and couldn't come to the baptismal service. Seven long years Carey preached before he won one soul to Jesus Christ.

Wesley used to ride on horseback five to seven thousand miles a year to win souls, and he did his studying on horseback.

When the doctor warned George Whitefield by saying, "Whitefield, you've got to slow down; you can preach only four hours a day and six hours on Sunday," Whitefield rose from his sick bed and said, "Doctor, do you want me to rust out for God?"

David Brainerd dragged his consumptive body into the woods of the upper forks of the Delaware and for five solid years, night and day, he prayed and fasted and preached. He loved and prayed and led those Indians to Jesus Christ. After five years he came staggering out of the woods to die in Jerusha Edwards' arms. He loved her, but Brainerd loved souls more than he loved Jerusha Edwards. Three months after he died in her arms, she died too.

I see Livingstone going into the heart of Africa. He heard Robert Moffat say, "I have often stood and watched the smoke rise from a thousand villages where no missionary has ever been." That graphic statement so broke Livingstone's heart that he said, "I'll go to those thousand villages, and I'll go to ten thousand more with the help of God, and carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ." He literally cut his way into the heart of Africa. I see him battling the bush, the heat, the swarms of mosquitoes which came to eat on his flesh, and the thirty-one attacks of fever which struck him down.

Men like that have gone through Hell to win souls to Christ, and many of you people won't walk across the street to talk to a soul. We have elevators, and planes, and trains, and cars and every advantage to win souls to Christ; but our hearts have grown cold, we have lost our first love. We are sinning the great sin of compassionless hearts toward the lost.

As I sat in Torrey-Gray Auditorium today and my heart thrilled and pulsed with the victories of God, my mind went back to the day when Edward Kimball, a businessman, walked into a shoe store in Boston to talk to D. L. Moody, his Sunday School pupil. He found the 135-pound, seventeen-year-old boy wrapping shoes. Kimball related, "I put my trembling hand on D. L.'s shoulder and I told him about the love of God, and I made a miserable failure." But for years Mr. Moody could feel the throb of that warm hand. D. L. lifted his heart to God right there by the shoe racks and asked Jesus to save him. Because a layman went out to win a soul to Christ, this great institution, its arms reaching around the world, is in existence today. A layman, doing personal work, led one boy to Jesus Christ. That is the most successful program I know of to take Chicago for Christ.

Will every Christian, four thousand strong, leave this building tonight to go everywhere asking people what they think about the Lord Jesus Christ? One by one, every one of you. You pastors, go back to your churches and set your people on fire for God. What a tragedy if your hearts have grown cold for souls.

Respectable Christians, and yet we are guilty of the sin of inconsistency, the sin of jealousy, the sin of a compassionless heart toward the lost souls of men! May God forgive us and cleanse our hearts anew for His service.

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